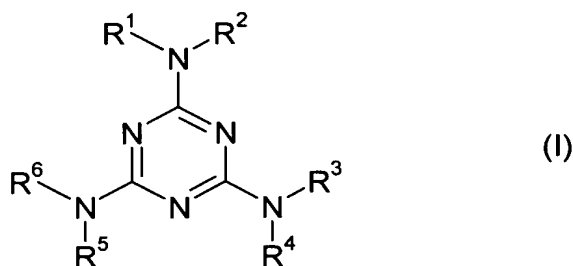


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for printing sheetlike or three-dimensional substrates by the ink jet process ~~using~~ comprising utilizing a thermally crosslinkable, aqueous recording ~~fluids~~ fluid containing random polyurethane copolymers and one or more melamine derivatives as crosslinkers in a printing process.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the recording ~~fluids contain~~ fluid contains one or more melamine derivatives of the general formula (I)



where:

R¹ to R⁶ are the same or different and are each selected from hydrogen, (CH₂O)_z-R⁷, CH₂-OR⁷, CH(OR⁷)₂ and CH₂-N(R₇)₂

where z is from 1 to 10 and each R⁷ is the same or different and is selected from hydrogen, C₁-C₁₂-alkyl, branched or unbranched;

alkoxyalkylene, ~~such as~~ (-CH₂-CH₂-O)_m-H, (-CHCH₃-CH₂-O)_m-H, (-CH₂-CHCH₃-O)_m-H, (-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-O)_m-H, where m is an integer from 1 to 20.

Claim 3 (Original): The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein R¹ and R² are each hydrogen in the formula (I).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim 2 ~~or 3~~, wherein R³ is CH₂OH in the formula (I).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): Printed sheetlike or three-dimensional substrates ~~obtainable~~ obtained by the method of claim 1 ~~claims 1 to 4~~.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A process for preparing colorant preparations for recording fluids as defined in claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~ comprising a mixture of random polyurethane copolymers and one or more melamine derivatives as dispersing binders, water, optionally one or more organic solvents and a finely divided inorganic or organic colorant, which comprises mixing together in a ball mill dispersing binders, water, optionally one or more organic solvents and a finely divided inorganic or organic colorant.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): Colorant preparations for recording fluids, ~~obtainable~~ obtained by the process of claim 6.